

BIG NAVY-YARD SENSATION.

Two Young Clerks Arrested for Stealing Composition Metal.

ABOUT TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS STOLEN.

How the High-Handed Game Was Detected by the Officers—Merchants' Commercial Agency—From Over the State.

NORFOLK, Va., July 10.—[Special.]—A tremendous sensation was created at the navy-yard this morning by the arrest of Paymaster-Clerk Van Vranken, of the general storehouse, and H. W. Coston, a clerical employe of the same establishment, on the charge of stealing composition metal and other goods from the Government to the value of \$10,000, it is estimated.

The arrests were caused by the discovery in the store of a box of goods marked commandant of the naval station at Port Royal, S. C., for which there was no orders. News of the "crooked" shipments had reached the yard officials, and Captain Norton, the executive officer of the yard, went to the general store and finding the box in question, asked what it contained. He told him, so Coston states, that it contained composition to be sent to Port Royal. Captain Norton had the box opened, and it was found to contain composition metal, as stated.

He ordered Mr. Coston under arrest and him put in the guard-house to await action by the United States Court. Paymaster Clerk Van Vranken was also placed under arrest, and being in the naval service was carried aboard the United States receiving ship Franklin to await court martial for implication in the affair.

It was discovered that day before yesterday a "shipment" was carried out of the yard, and a colored truckman named Americus Smith, of Portsmouth, was sent for, and he told all he knew of the "shipments" he had handled. Later in the day United States Deputy Marshal J. J. Sullivan, of Norfolk, arrived over here, and he was arrested by United States Commissioner H. S. Ackiss, being represented by J. F. Crocker as counsel, United States District Attorney Borland appearing for the United States.

He denied knowing anything about its regularity or the irregularity of any other shipment from the navy yard. The commissioner continued the case and admitted the accused to bail under a bond of \$1,000. Americus Smith, the colored driver, was seen by a reporter and stated that for about two months he had been carrying boxes out of the yard and delivering them at Mr. Woodman's junk store in Portsmouth, that he couldn't read and didn't know how they were marked, that Mr. Van Vranken and Mr. Coston have both gone to Portsmouth with him and always where to deliver the boxes. The pass for the box carried out day before yesterday has the appearance of regularity. It has the signature of Paymaster D. A. Smith, who was then in charge of the store temporarily.

Mr. Van Vranken has for a long time been one of the social leaders in this section, and Mr. Coston is a resident of Portsmouth and the son of Captain Coston, of the United States Marine Corps. Mr. Coston's preliminary examination will take place before United States Commissioner Ackiss next Tuesday.

THE DISABLED VESSEL. The repairs to the Chicago will be completed tomorrow. The three-mast double-decked schooner, Robert Graham, from Savannah to Philadelphia with Georgia pine, put into this port last night in a leaking condition. Her captain noted protest with H. C. Jones, of the City, and she was bound to Newport News. Her bow was stove in by the force of the collision twenty-five feet long and two plates wide. The large number of the Young Men's Christian Association boys in camp at Hampton are hugely enjoying themselves boating, sailing and swimming. To-day is athletic day with them.

William Hoyken (colored) was drowned in Broad creek near here, yesterday by accidentally falling from a boat. The boiler in the large lumber mill of Greenleaf & Co., at Berkeley, exploded yesterday, perhaps fatally injuring two colored employes.

TWO SAD DEATHS. A Young Man and Woman Pass Away at the Age of Nineteen—Prohibition Election. DANVILLE, Va., July 10.—[Special.]—Miss Jeanne Peatross, daughter of Walter S. Peatross, of Hanover county, died at 2:30 o'clock this evening at the residence, in this city, of R. W. Peatross. The young lady was just nineteen years of age, and was in the city on a visit to relatives, when about ten days ago she was taken down with fever. Her mother reached here this morning, and the remains were taken to Hanover county for burial.

Willie Leigh Rosser, the son of John W. Rosser, assistant city tax collector, died at his father's residence on Wilson street at an early hour this morning. The deceased was a very worthy young man just nineteen years of age.

The New Norfolk boats until the Pentz comes up from River View about 10:30. Captain Hove, it is said, is not agent for the company running these excursions, and had not been notified about the return of the boat. It was customary for him to give a landing free of charge, and they generally gave a colored man on the wharf twenty-five or fifty cents to come out with a lantern when the boat arrives. The man who does most of this says the Leary's captain did not tell him to come back, and had he been so notified he would have brought the lights and door keys, of course. Hence neglect—criminal neglect—on the part of Leary's people.

As stated in THE TIMES the wharf is now covered near the end by but about three feet on the south side and in the middle of this narrow way there is a lower post so low as to cause most anyone passing in the dark to stumble over, and there is no guard there. The young lady was in a crowd and got separated from her escort. She stumbled over a piece of scantling and log just outside of the shed, and several grasped at her and one caught her by the ankle, but she went on and had not a grasp firm enough on her ankle and her weight caused her dress to tear and she dropped into the water.

Mr. Stout sprang after her and caught her in his arms, but being unable to swim, sank too, and became unconscious, and he was caught by his fingers by man who slid down a pile and pulled him up to it, where he held on until some young men got into a boat and rowed over there, taking both off. It was in the darkness that was intense and the glare of the electric lights smarting eyes, that the surrounding buildings caused deep shadows that the firmament gave without them.

The body was found in the channel between Jones' Point and the Notley Hill resort, a mile or so below, on Tuesday, and the features were almost unrecognizable. The coroner's inquest was in session from 3 until 10 o'clock, and the best men that could be gotten were upon it. Their verdict was as follows: "That Marietta Dove came to her death by being drowned on Saturday, July 7, 1891, between 9:30 and 10 o'clock in landing from the steamer General Leary at the new wharf near the foot of Prince street, and that her death was due to criminal negligence of the part of the steamer and wharf owners in procuring proper precaution for the public safety, and furthermore, that the shed was not well closed, and no lights were displayed from either boat or wharf—passengers being compelled to leave the wharf by narrow and dangerous passage ways on the sides of the shed or freight building."

Miss Dove was a young lady possessing more than ordinary accomplishments, and was beloved by all those people in that good old Quaker neighborhood where she was born, her father being Mr. Levi Dove, a prosperous farmer of Accotink. She had come up early in the morning with Mr. Christian S. Stout, a young gentleman friend of her early days, to Colmont Beach, the salt water resort of the Potomac, and it is said when just above Mount Vernon she looked towards her home and said to her companion: "Chris, now I see they have left a light burning for me, and now I don't care how long it will be before we get home."

The young man was made almost frantic by the girl's sad death, though the report that they were lovers is denied, he being a playmate of hers in early childhood. Every effort was made by the people to recover the body. All night and all Sunday and Monday he was out in the stream dragging for it, and the old cannon "Nellie Grant" was fired all around where the people hoped it might be. An old man caught it while fishing below the city.

The funeral took place at Accotink on Wednesday, and it was a sad, sad funeral, all the people in that locality for miles and miles around were present. Rev. Mr. Samuel Wallis, of Pohick church, was the officiating clergyman, and Young Stout the chief mourner. Major Strauss has begun to "size 'em up." He yesterday fined a young man \$20 for carrying a pistol and being where somebody fired one. Lee Camp will go to Lexington. Mr. W. S. Towson lost his motherless little child.

Harold Lunden, editor of the Gazette, is confined to his home by indisposition. AFTER THE BAD DEBTOR. Lynchburg Merchants Form a Mutual Retail Commercial Agency. LYNCHBURG, Va., July 10.—[Special.]—At a meeting of the merchants of this city last night at the Young Men's Christian Association hall, a merchants mutual retail commercial agency was formed with Mr. Joseph L. Lee as president. The object of this agency is to secure honest dealings with all customers and to properly enforce the collection of debts. The agency issues a regular and legal bi-monthly abstract of "unsettled" accounts. Each member agrees to forfeit twenty dollars to his branch as a penalty in case he extends credit to a person whose unsettled account appears in the abstract and no account can appear therein until the debtor has had a full and fair opportunity to go to the merchant he owes and in some way arrange such indebtedness. The man who can pay and won't pay, and the man who cannot pay, but will not to the merchant, state his condition and make an effort to arrange it is the person the agency are after. It does not interfere with the credit of men who deal honorably, no matter if they are not members of the agency.

The interesting ceremony was performed by Rev. G. H. Wiley in the presence of a select gathering of friends. Both bride and groom are popular and have a number of friends who wish them well. A large number of the good people of Amherst are arranging for a grand old-fashioned fish fry in that county in a few days. Sheriff John Brand says it will be one of the best ever held on Fing and Iyer river. A TRAGIC ACCIDENT. A Young Man Dashed to Death on Rocks. CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., July 10.—[Special.]—A correspondent at Afton to the Chronicle of this morning says: "A tragic accident marred the day's (4th) festivities at the barbeque near Mountain Top. A young man who had been heavily drinking lost control of his horse while descending the steep mountain side toward back, and was dashed to death on the rocks below."

A charter has been granted to the Charlottesville and Washington Construction Company. The capital stock will be not less than \$10,000 nor more than \$20,000. The purpose of the company are to acquire, hold and sell real estate, to construct houses, etc. Wilcox's Sons' Lodge, No. 63, E. F. and A. M., and Charlottesville Lodge, No. 55, are contemplating building a meeting and banquet hall over the new Monticello Guard armory now under course of construction. Company D, Monticello Guard, held their annual target practice in the Belmont Park this afternoon.

A very successful lawn party was given by the Young Men's Missionary Society in the Belmont Park, last night. It will be continued to-night, when a handsome sum will be realized for the Rose Hill (Baptist) chapel fund. PETERSBURG POINTS. Teachers Elected—The Greys to Attend the Wrightsville Encampment. PETERSBURG, Va., July 10.—[Special.]—Mr. J. D. Withers and Mrs. Withers, of England, are in the city on a visit to Colonel E. R. Brink. At a meeting of the school board last night, the teachers for the session of 1891-92 were elected. The Petersburg Greys have obtained permission from Colonel Nash, of the Fourth Virginia regiment, to attend the encampment of the military companies of North Carolina at Wrightsville this month. The members of the Greys who will attend the encampment will join the Richmond companies here on the night of the 18th instant, when they pass through on their special train. A commission of lunacy was held at the jail to-day to inquire into the mental condition of the company (white). She was adjudged insane and ordered to be sent to the asylum. Rev. J. W. Rosebro, pastor of Tabb-street Presbyterian church, returned to the city this afternoon from Virginia Beach.

NORTH CAROLINA'S CLAIM.

Government Will Distribute the Direct Tax Fund at Once.

YOUNG BUSBEE MAY BE DISCHARGED.

If He Can Refund the Money the Case Will be Nolle Prosequed.—The New Court of Land Claims—North State Notes.

RALPH, N. C., July 10.—[Special.]—Governor Thomas M. Holt was to-day formally notified by the authorities at Washington that the entire amount of North Carolina's direct tax claim would be paid at once. There has already been paid \$375,000, but there was an error discovered in the stubs which showed that North Carolina was in reality entitled to \$26,000 more. This claim was contested by the United States Government and Governor Holt was forced to delay paying out the money to individuals in the State till the entire amount could be secured otherwise it would have been necessary to scale all payments made. Upon being notified to-day, however, that the entire amount would be paid Governor Holt at once began making out warrants for the distribution of the money to claimants all over the State, and they are being sent out by mail as rapidly as the large clerical force can dispatch them.

THE NEW COURT OF CLAIMS. Judge T. C. Fuller, of this city, who was appointed by President Harrison as one of the judges of the Court of Private Land Claims, created by the late Congress, returned here today from Denver, Col., where the Court met and organized a few days ago. He states that the first term of the court will be held in Denver, November 15th, and the second term at Santa Fe, December 3d. It is now estimated that it will be necessary for the court to remain in session at least nine months each year to transact business coming before it. There is a vast volume of these claims already accumulated.

NORTH STATE RAILWAY MATTERS. The directors of the North Carolina railroad at their meeting last night re-elected W. F. Korrey, of Greensboro, president of the road, and P. B. Kuffin, of Hillsboro, secretary and treasurer. The Railroad Commission will on the first of next week start on their first tour of inspection of railroads in the State, going over the Western North Carolina railroad and other roads in that portion of the State. Their labors have heretofore been confined to matters of transportation rates.

YOUNG BUSBEE TO BE FORGIVEN. Mr. Charles Jordan, of Buena Vista, who is interested in the company there in which young Clarence Busbee, now in custody here, is charged with being a defaulter, arrived here for the purpose of endeavoring to arrange a compromise of the matter. The company is willing to discontinue proceedings against Busbee provided the amount of his shortage, which is about two hundred dollars, is made good. This will probably be done, as Busbee is highly connected here.

JUDGE GILLIAM DEAD. Judge Henry A. Gilliam, for years one of the leading lawyers of Eastern North Carolina, died yesterday at his home in Tarboro at the age of seventy-six years. He was major in the Confederate army, and was appointed judge of the Superior Court by Governor Jarvis during his administration.

AN HISTORIC HUT. It is not generally known that about three miles west of the town of Durham on the North Carolina railroad there stands an unpretentious cabin, which has a very important historic distinction. Over a quarter of a century ago General Johnston met General Sherman and arranged with him the details of the surrender which afterward took place at Greensboro. The hut is a small frame building, and is still standing in good state of preservation. It was recently purchased by Mr. Ben Duke, of Durham, and it was learned to-day that he will have the whole structure removed to Chicago to be exhibited at the World's Fair.

OLD FELLOWS' HOME. The committee to locate the new North Carolina Odd Fellows' Home met here yesterday and heard propositions from representatives of Wilmington, Goldsboro, Winston, Carthage and other points competing for the location of the institution in their respective towns. The committee is composed of John F. Bruton, Grand-Master C. B. Edwards, Nathaniel Jacob, Jonathan White, Congressman A. H. Williams, C. D. Harbour and W. C. Douglas. The committee left to-day to visit the various competing points, after which they will report upon a choice.

EDGAR W. NYE, or "Bill Nye," this famous humorist, is now at "Skyland," near Asheville, where he will spend the summer and where he has spent two or three summers, having fallen much in love with the climate there. He has erected there a handsome summer residence.

THE EVANGELIST DRUMMER. It is learned that Bill Fife, the "Drummer Evangelist," will leave in a week for Massachusetts to spend some time in the prosecution of ecclesiastical studies, after which he will spend some time in a similar way in New Jersey. He proposes afterwards to go to Charlotte and make that place his permanent home, and to found a church there. Fife has probably attracted more attention in the State than any other evangelist who has ever visited it. Sam Jones included. He is an uneducated man and makes frequent grammatical blunders in his discourses, but he handles his subjects in a manner that invariably tells with his audience.

IMPENDING SENSATION. There is considerable talk at present over a new sensation which is attracting attention in Alliance circles. A sub-alliance has been proposed, consisting of the Governor Holt to be a member of the "Paid Trust" and demanding his resignation as Governor. Governor Holt is interested in paid manufactures, and a number of cotton manufacturers in the Southern States have made an arrangement by which their business is put forward and their goods sold and sales guaranteed for two per cent, less than charges heretofore paid, in consideration of handling the entire product of a number of factories. Governor Holt is a party to this agreement but does not belong to any trust, and it is hardly expected that he will feel called upon to resign.

supporting Colonel McClure's statement as it has been printed. Senator Quay remarked that he will call a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Republican Committee upon the return of John S. Clarkson from Europe.

TEXAS LUMBERMEN FALL. Heavy Advances for a New Railroad the Cause. St. Louis, Mo., July 10.—A special to the Republic from Jefferson, Tex., says: Jefferson and Eastern Texas sustained a heavy loss yesterday by the failure of J. H. Bemis and the Jefferson Lumber Company. Mr. Bemis being the principal owner of the Jefferson Lumber Company, which has for years done the largest lumber business in Texas. It is said that the beginning of Mr. Bemis' bad luck took place when he went into the Texas and Fort Smith railroad, some time last year, advancing to the prospectors of the road \$150,000 in cash, which he has never been able to get back. The indebtedness of the Jefferson Lumber Company and J. H. Bemis individually will approximate \$1,000,000. Quite a number of creditors have gathered here, and it is understood an effort will be made to place the property in the hands of a receiver.

Business Failures. New York, July 10.—The business failures during the last seven days number for the United States 22, and for Canada 25; total 247, as compared with a total of 237 last week; 234 the week previous to the last, and 197 for the corresponding week of last year.

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INSURANCE STATEMENT. ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING THE 31st DAY OF DECEMBER 1890. OF THE ACTUAL CONDITION OF THE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF VIRGINIA, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 1820 AND 1821 OF CODE 1887, REGULATING THE REPORTS OF INSURANCE COMPANIES.

Assets of said company, and a detailed statement of how and in what the same are invested. Total Par Value, Market Value. Boston City Loan 6 per cent, registered, due 1893-94, \$100,000, \$100,000.

LIABILITIES. Amount of stocks, bonds and all other securities (except mortgages) hypothecated to the company as collateral security for cash actually issued by the company—total amount, \$127,750 00. Cash and amount of claims deposited in bank and bankers' hands, \$79,094 53.

AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ALL THE ASSETS OF THE COMPANY, STATED AT THEIR ACTUAL VALUE, \$3,961,518 83. III. LIABILITIES. The liabilities of said company: Gross claims for adjusted and unpaid losses due and to become due, \$89,917 00.

AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ALL THE LIABILITIES, INCLUDING PAID-UP CAPITAL AND NET SURPLUS, \$3,961,518 83. IV. INCOME. The income of said company during the preceding twelve months, and from what source derived: For Fire Risks, For Marine and Inland Risks, \$3,446,612 61.

AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ACTUAL EXPENSES DURING THE YEAR. Gross amount actually paid for losses, \$1,692,527 70. Deduct all amounts actually received for salvages (whether on losses of the last or of previous years), \$152,920 06.

AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ACTUAL EXPENSES DURING THE YEAR. Net amount paid during the year for losses, \$2,548,071 70. Dividends actually paid to stockholders, \$450,000 00. Paid for commission or brokerage, \$747,887 70.

AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF ACTUAL EXPENSES DURING THE YEAR. Net amount of actual expenses during the year, \$4,651,815 94. G. B. PLATT, President. CHARLES E. FRYER, Secretary.

Sworn to before me in the city of Philadelphia on the 30th day of January, 1891. W. H. WALKER & CO., Ag'ts, 1014 E. Main street, Richmond, Va.